



# MARYLAND

## GRAIN & LIVESTOCK REPORT

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### Funds Liquidate and Outside Market Have Jitters

The commodity markets are experiencing fund liquidation as the equity markets have growing concerns surrounding European debt and employment growth. The Dow has experienced a volatile week of trade and is down 58.96 points to settle at 12,395.87 today. Oil has fallen substantially in the last couple weeks and is off another \$4.23 a barrel to trade at \$86.61 as of this writing. Gold is down a bit losing \$6.70 an ounce to settle at \$1,562.20 Thursday. The dollar index continues to rally and hit a high for the year this week. Grains have slid partly due to fund liquidation.

Corn fell another 21 ¼ cents this week to settle at \$5.57 ½ on the July contract Thursday. Conditions reported on Tuesday showed a 12% decline for Illinois and 14% decline for Indiana in the good-to-excellent ratings. This did little to support the market and funds have begun to liquidate long positions at a quick pace. Expectations for tomorrow’s export sales report are for 450,000-650,000 MT.

Soybeans have been the leader to the downside losing another 42 cents on the July contract to finish trade at \$13.41 ½ Thursday. Funds have been massive sellers of long positions over the last several weeks and that pace has accelerated near the end of this month. Adding to the bearish sentiment is the fact that China has begun to sell off some of its state reserves. Expectations for tomorrow’s export sales report are for 450,000-700,000 MT.

Wheat is following corn and beans lower and is off 30 ½ cents on the CBOT July contract to settle at \$6.44 ½ today. Harvest is nearly two weeks ahead of schedule and was reported as 9% complete as of Tuesday’s report. Conditions did deteriorate, but this is becoming less of a factor as harvest moves northward. Spring wheat was rated at 79% good-to-excellent. Export sales expectations are running at 350,000-500,000 MT for tomorrow’s report.

Funds are rolling positions, position evening, and taking profits near the end of this month and that has led the markets lower. Equities are experiencing anxiety over a slowing employment pace and European debt issues leading to volatile trade activity. Weather and crop progress and conditions will continue to drive the grain markets for the coming weeks. Tomorrow, the export sales report will be released a day late due to the Memorial Day holiday.

### CASH GRAIN PRICE – REGIONAL (\$/bu) DEALERS AVERAGE CASH QUOTES

Grade and Commodity	#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Soybeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barley	
Date	5/22	5/29	5/22	5/29	5/22	5/29	5/22	5/29
Western, MD	6.41	6.07	12.86	13.01	6.75	6.46	4.40	4.10
Central, MD	6.52	----	13.31	----	6.37	----	4.25	----
Southern, MD	6.36	5.98	13.36	13.42	----	----	----	----
Upper E. Shore	6.56	6.18	13.41	13.50	----	----	----	----
Lower E. Shore	6.87	6.41	13.67	13.64	6.62	6.32	----	----

### FORWARD CONTRACT PRICE – REGIONAL (\$/bu) HARVEST DELIVERY DEALER’S AVG. QUOTES

Grade and Commodity	#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Soybeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barley	
Date	5/22	5/29	5/22	5/29	5/22	5/29	5/22	5/29
Western MD	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Central MD	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Southern MD	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Upper E Shore	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Lower E Shore	5.61	5.42	12.36	12.19	6.34	6.10	----	----

### GRAIN FUTURES - CME Group - Settle - May 31, 2012 Quarter - cents/bushel)

Corn		Soybeans		Wheat		Soybean Meal <sup>1/</sup>	
JLY12	555’2	JLY12	1340’0	JLY12	643’6	JLY12	394.5
SEP12	525’4	AUG12	1322’6	SEP12	660’6	AUG12	382.2
DEC12	522’0	SEP12	1293’6	DEC12	684’2	SEP12	371.7
MAR13	532’6	NOV12	1270’2	MAR13	704’2	OCT12	362.7
MAY13	540’4	JAN13	1273’2	MAY13	713’2	DEC12	358.7
JLY13	547’6	MAR13	1253’2	JLY13	716’2	JAN13	356.4
SEP13	533’0	MAY13	1244’2	SEP13	726’4	MAR13	346.5
DEC13	527’0	JLY13	1245’2	DEC13	741’4	MAY13	343.0
MAR14	537’0	AUG13	1238’6	MAR14	745’6	JLY13	343.2
MAY 14	543’0	SEP13	1199’0	MAY 14	750’4	AUG13	340.2

### HAY AND STRAW

#### New Holland, PA - May 28, 2012 - \$/ton

Alfalfa	Mixed Hay	Timothy	Grass	Straw
200.00 – 290.00	45.00 – 325.00	220.00 – 330.00	90.00 – 300.00	110.00 – 180.00

#### Westminster, MD – May 28, 2012 - \$/bale

Alfalfa	Alfalfa Mix	Timothy	Timothy Mix	Grass Mix	Straw
2.50 – 2.75	1.70 – 8.00	1.60 – 3.80	1.90 – 6.10	1.10 – 4.70	2.10 – 3.90

POULTRY <sup>2/</sup>							
Negotiated price for truck lot of ready-to-cook, ice-pack, Grade A Fryers (\$/CWT) – Week Ending - June 2, 2012							
	Current Week		Prev. Week		Prev. Month	Prev. Year	
N.Y. Weighted Avg.	87.59		87.71		83.45	77.68	
12 City Composite	86.77		87.32		84.43	82.66	
SHEEP & LAMBS - Westminster, MD – May 29, 2012 – (\$/CWT)			GOATS & KIDS- May 29, 2012				
Sheep	65.00 – 97.50	Lambs Under 50	160.00 – 170.00	Large		137.50 – 155.00	
		50 – 80 lbs	130.00 – 195.50	Medium		52.50 – 121.00	
		90 – 130 lbs	160.00 – 197.50	Kids		25.00 – 47.50	
HOGS & PIGS							
DIRECT MARKET HOGS - May 31, 2012 <sup>2/</sup>			MARKET HOGS - Westminster, MD – May 29, 2012				
*Base Price Range	Carcass Basis	Weighted	Butcher Hogs		Sows		
	Base 185 lb Hog	Average	#1 215-275 lbs	59.00 – 62.00	Heavyweights	50.50 – 51.50	
Iowa, Minn	76.00 – 88.00	84.26	Heavyweights	60.00 – 62.00			
Eastern Cornbelt	78.99 – 86.00	81.98			Boars		
* Base price is the price from which no discounts are subtracted and no premiums are added.					Heavyweights	32.00 – 33.50	
					Lightweights	29.00 – 41.00	
MARKET HOGS-Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage, PA - (\$/CWT) - May 28, 2012 <sup>2/</sup>							
Percent Lean	Weight	Price		Percent Lean	Weight	Price	
49 - 54	220 – 300 lbs	63.00 – 66.00		45 - 49	220 – 300 lbs	60.00 – 62.00	
FEEDER PIGS-Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage, PA- (\$/CWT) (US 1-2)- May 16, 2012 Next Feeder Pig sale – June 6, 2012 <sup>2/</sup>							
Weight	Price	Wt Avg Price		Weight	Price	Wt Avg Price	
20 – 25 lbs	210.00 – 230.00	219.23		40 – 50 lbs	120.00 – 140.00	128.71	
25 – 30 lbs	145.00 – 180.00	161.94		50 – 60 lbs	110.00 – 140.00	119.09	
30 – 40 lbs	130.00 – 140.00	133.04		60 – 70 lbs	140.00	140.00	
LIVESTOCK FUTURES - CME Group - Settle (CWT) – May 31, 2012							
LIVE CATTLE – FUTURES				LEAN HOGS – FUTURES			
JUN12	117.10	DEC12	126.50	JUN12	89.80	OCT12	82.88
AUG12	118.90	FEB13	128.23	JLY12	91.00	DEC12	80.03
OCT12	123.70	APR 13	130.10	AUG12	90.95	FEB13	81.70
STOCKER – FEEDER CATTLE – (\$/CWT)							
Winchester, VA – May 28, 2012 <sup>2/</sup>				Westminster, MD – May 29, 2012			
Steers	300 – 400 lbs	187.00 – 194.00	Steers	200 – 300 lbs	107.00 – 194.00		
	400 – 500 lbs	169.00 – 185.00		400 – 500 lbs	98.00 – 106.00		
	500 – 600 lbs	162.00 – 162.50		600 – 700 lbs	100.00 – 104.00		
	600 – 700 lbs	152.00 – 157.00		800 – 1000 lbs	93.00 – 118.00		
	700 – 800 lbs	141.00					
Heifers	300 – 400 lbs	165.00 – 181.00	Heifers	200 – 300 lbs	112.00 – 123.00		
	400 – 500 lbs	158.00 – 171.00		400 – 500 lbs	108.00 – 118.00		
	500 – 600 lbs	148.00 – 162.00		600 – 700 lbs	83.00 – 120.00		
	600 – 700 lbs	147.00 – 155.00		800 – 1000 lbs	108.00 – 109.00		
	700 – 800 lbs	132.50					
SLAUGHTER CATTLE (\$/CWT)							
Westminster, MD – May 29, 2012							
Sltr. Cows			Fed Heifers				
Breakers	83.00 – 87.00		Fat	118.50 – 122.00			
Boners	73.00 – 80.50		Lean	108.50 – 112.50			
Thin/Slow	72.00 & Down		Holsteins	N/A			
Fed Steers			Hols. Bull Calves to Feed				
Fat	118.00 – 123.50		#1	172.00 – 207.50			
Lean	112.00 – 117.00		#2	153.00 – 168.50			
Select	108.00 – 111.50		#3	97.50 – 148.00			
Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage – May 31, 2012 <sup>2/</sup>							
Sltr. Steers:			Sltr. Heifers:				
Hi Ch & Pr 3-4	1320 – 1600 lbs	120.00 – 123.00	Choice 2-3	1135 – 1375 lbs	115.00 – 118.00		
Choice 2-3	1180 – 1650 lbs	116.50 – 119.50	Select 2-3	1135 – 1340 lbs	110.00 – 114.00		
Select 1-3	1060 – 1345 lbs	113.00 – 116.00					
Sltr. Holsteins:			Sltr. Cows:	Percent Lean	Avg. Dressing		
Hi Ch & Pr 2-3	1310 – 1560 lbs	108.00 – 110.00	Premium White	65 – 75	84.00 – 88.00		
Choice 2-3	1330 – 1615 lbs	103.00 – 106.00	Breakers	75 – 80	84.00 – 88.00		
Select 2-3	1175 – 1445 lbs	96.00 – 101.00	Boners	80 – 85	82.00 – 86.50		
			Lean	88 – 90	79.50 – 83.50		

1/ Price Unit: Dollars and cents/ton (100 tons (2,000 lbs/ton))

2/ Source: USDA, AMS

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